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SEEDS OF TREASON

"The underneath side of the conspiracy to destroy our Country,
is turned up, for everyone to see."

THE MOST complete, exciting and factual book on domestic Communism yet published, has come to the editorial desks of *The Defender* for review. It was written by two Washington newspaper men, and bears the title, "Seeds of Treason."

Perhaps the word "reservoir" can best be used in describing its contents . . . because it is literally a *reservoir* of documentation, exposing the secret machinations of the Red Underground which has for years operated in the United States.

The authors are shrewd investigators as well as clever writers. They have pieced together an alarming story that will fill the heart of every patriotic American with revulsion. The underneath side of the conspiracy to destroy our Country, is turned up, for everyone to see.

After giving the book a careful reading, your review editor at first put it aside . . . wondering how to proceed with the preparation of a review, questioning if an attempt should even be made to prepare an article discussing its contents.

It is a most difficult book to announce, because there are no "high spots" for special emphasis. *Every page is a high spot!*

One cannot isolate any particular set of facts, as being more important than others . . . for the reason that they are *all* important. Taken as a whole, they expose the master plan of the so-called New Deal to Sovietize the United States.

So, at the outset, *Defender* readers are asked to understand that no review could do justice to such a book—dealing as it does with the men, organizations and conspiracies responsible for the gravest crisis our Country has ever faced.

The story which follows represents a sincere effort at interpretation, but the indulgence of the *Defender* family is earnestly solicited.

Congressman Richard Nixon says: "This book is must reading for every

American. Though I have spent two years on the Hiss-Chambers case, 'Seeds of Treason' held me to the very last page."

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LATE in the summer of 1934, a Washington restaurant was the scene of a rendezvous between four men. By prearrangement, they arrived separately and drifted casually to a secluded table, out of earshot of other diners.

A mild looking little man with thick glasses and a thicker accent, seemed to be the leader of the group. He used the name J. Peters. In his ill-fitting, baggy suit, this man of mystery could have been, as he claimed, an unemployed factory worker, instead of top functionary in the Underground division of the Communist Party.

To the tall, correctly dressed young Washington lawyer named Alger Hiss, Peters introduced a portly individual whom he called "Carl." In his role as "a faceless man" of the Communist Underground, Carl (real name Whittaker Chambers) needed no other identification among the members of this group.

The fourth member of the party, looking like a cross between a college professor and a betting promoter, was already well known to Hiss and Chambers. He was Harold Ware, Comintern agent and espionage cell organizer, carrying orders directly from Moscow.

The purpose of this gathering, began Peters, was to explain the Party's exciting new plans for its Washington organizers. A new infiltration and espionage apparatus was to be set up, an "elite underground cell," consisting mostly of comrades holding powerful posts in the United States government.

Alger Hiss was one such individual who should not be wasted in open

Defender readers are urged to make a careful study of this article.

Party activity, the outcome of which could only destroy his usefulness by marking him as a Communist.

Peters directed Hiss to detach himself immediately from his "cell" in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and henceforth avoid every appearance of left-wing activity. His home must be cleared of all telltales literature and pamphlets. Only his comrades in the Underground would know that he was anything other than a moderately conservative New Dealer. The Communist high command would contact him, through Carl (Chambers) . . . who would be his immediate superior, and whose orders were to be followed without question.

According to Chambers, his own destiny and that of Alger Hiss crossed for the first time, in the Washington restaurant. During the months that followed, they crossed and crisscrossed and became entwined in the twilight of common Underground work.

The shadowy movements of Alger Hiss, Whittaker Chambers and others in the Communist espionage cell stagger the imagination. Millions gasped in 1948 when the first guarded disclosures were released to the press. Then began the welter of charges and counter charges which rocked the Nation. The accompanying smear campaign, intended to discredit the testimony of Whittaker Chambers, left the public more or less confused.

It remained for two indefatigable journalists to tell the whole story of the Hiss-Chambers tragedy. Their names are Ralph de Toledano and Victor Lasky. Probing deep into files and interviewing hundreds of people, they have tracked down much hitherto unpublished material, disentangled facts from rumors and given logical sequence to the whole bewildering story.

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was born in 1901 of mixed American stock. His father, a slightly eccentric

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THE PRESIDENT'S PLIGHT

Our President should read the thirty-eighth chapter of Jeremiah and every time the word "Zedekiah" appears, insert "Truman" instead.

MR. TRUMAN'S policy of opposing Communism in foreign countries while assuming a tolerant attitude toward it, in the United States, has many people puzzled. He seems to be trying to ride two horses, moving in opposite directions, at the same time.

He threw the full force of his office behind an effort to block the investigation of Alger Hiss by the Committee On Un-American Activities. He called it a "red herring" on nine different occasions. Yet, one may say without fear of contradiction, that Mr. Truman knew Hiss to be a spy all the time.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King flew from Canada in 1946 to bring him urgent information regarding an atomic spy ring operating in the United States. The disclosures came from Igor Gouzenko, a Soviet code clerk whose confession jarred the world. This information fell on deaf ears as far as the White House was concerned.

On June 21, 1948, the President affectionately called Stalin "Old Joe," and described him as being "a decent fellow." At about the same time, when Representative (now Senator) Karl Mundt warned that there were spies working in the Country, Mr. Truman laughed out loud.

He wrote Governor George Earle as follows on February 28, 1949, "I am of the opinion the Country is perfectly safe as far as Communism is concerned." When the Mundt-Nixon bill to curb Communists came up for consideration, he opposed it.

The American people now know that a nest of reds has been tolerated, for several years, in the State Department —under the leadership of Dean Acheson. Alger Hiss was a member of this group. Senator McCarthy's exposures have been answered only by smear attacks and vilification. Mr. Truman says he will never allow Acheson to resign from office.

But despite his record of tolerance toward domestic Communism, he was willing to accept Russia's challenge seven thousand miles away from our shores, and go to war in Korea.

How is this strange behavior explained? What lies behind the paradox?

The answer to this question goes to the root of America's present problem. Some people do not wish to face it. Others are ignorant of what is going on behind the scenes. Men in public life who dare mention it are usually destroyed. *The Jewish question is involved.*

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This article therefore deals with the most sensitive issues before the people of the United States today.

Mr. Truman is at heart a patriotic man, animated by a desire to be a true Christian. No intellectually honest person would accuse him of wishing to harm his Country. But he is also an astute politician and knows what must be done to remain in office. Men sitting on political pinnacles, sense the power of pressure groups . . . and few survive who do anything to offend organized Jewry.

Our President should read the thirty-eighth chapter of Jeremiah and every time the word "Zedekiah" appears, insert "Truman" instead. "I am afraid of the Jews," says King Zedekiah in the nineteenth verse.

It is safe to say that the Jewish people are more sensitive today, and more powerful, than at any previous time in the history of our Country. Through their Gestapo, they are able to check on, and intimidate, anybody whom they suspect of being the least bit critical. Their effrontery knows no limitations. Newspaper editors are especially conscious of this fact.

On May 29, 1950, the *Chicago Tribune* published an article with photographs of Lehman, Frankfurter and Morgenthau . . . and said: "A person with highest State Department connections identified these three figures as the secret government of the United States. Frankfurter was pictured as the

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most powerful man in the government, reaching into the White House with his protégés."

An apology was wrung from the Tribune a few days later although the word "Jew" had not been mentioned in the article.

Whether or not it is good for Jews themselves, to operate a private Gestapo possessing punitive powers, is a question which straight-thinking members of the race will do well to debate among themselves. Frederick Kister, says in a recent editorial: "Professional Jews (those who make a living being Jews) are responsible for whatever racial antagonisms that may now exist in the United States."

The Gestapo uses the innocent-appearing name, "Anti-Defamation League." That dissatisfaction is brewing within their own ranks, is suggested by the following editorial in the March 20, 1950 issue of the *Daily Compass*, successor to the late left-wing *PM* publication:

"In recent years, Mississippi lodges with considerable sympathy and support from the South and from influential individual members elsewhere, have openly fought the Anti-Defamation League program. They have repeatedly tried to get through a resolution to terminate A n t i - Defamation League activities in the South. There have been threats that if the Southern states are not cleaned of League representatives and 'embarrassing' civil rights pamphlets, Southern Lodges either will kick the League out or secede from the parent organization."

The pro-Communist program of the Anti-Defamation League is a matter of record. This, rather than racial distinctions, has built up the opposition which professional Jews like to call "anti-Semitism."

Such books as "Reds in the Anti-Defamation League," by Myron Fagan (price 50 cents) and "The Anti-Defamation League in the World Communist Offensive," by Major Robert Williams (price 35 cents) . . . have not been answered for the reason that they are documented and factual. Both of these titles may be ordered from the Defender Publishers, Wichita, Kansas.

It happens that all of the 14 spies whose arrests have been announced the

last few weeks are Jews, with the possible exception of one. Could the pressure placed upon Mr. Truman have resulted from the fact that leaders of Jewry knew if the truth came out, members of their race would be exposed? Did the President make promises prior to the last election?

Something should be done if possible to rescue him, and save him from making the mistake that Zedekiah made in the long ago. The King was under exactly the same kind of control that exists at the White House today. He proved himself too weak to resist the pressure of those near him . . . and fatal errors in foreign policy resulted in the destruction of his Nation. He should have listened to Jeremiah instead of the Jews who ruled his court.

Major Williams says: "Continued revelations of the Jewish domination of

Communist spy rings and of the Communist Party itself must have shocked thousands of Americans who long had refused to accept the fact that Communism was a Jewish-invented, Jewish-managed world power movement.

"For such is the nature of the tolerant gentile mind that he cannot come to a realization of this fact without suffering distress. The kindly Anglo-Saxons welcomed hordes of Jews to America in the belief that they had been victims of persecution in the Old World. Now we may be sure many a tolerance-preaching minister, intellectual and plain citizen is alarmed and deeply disturbed at the abuse of his tolerance."

The names of the 14 spy ring members arrested by the FBI since the prosecution of Alger Hiss are as follows: Abraham Brothman, Judith Coplon, Alfred Dean Slack, Gerhardt Eisler, Klaus Fuchs, Harry Gold, David Greenglass, Ethel Rosenberg, Julius Rosenberg, Morton Sobell, Sidney Weinbaum, Henry Julian Wadleigh, Wolfe Weisband and Miriam Moskowitz.

Fuchs was hired to work on atomic projects as the result of a recommendation by Albert Einstein, whom Stalin lists as one of the ten best friends of the Soviet Union in the United States. A number of other Jews, officially named as top level spies, have fled the Country or otherwise escaped arrest . . . including Jacob Golos who died while under surveillance; Nathan Silvermaster, who held an \$8,000 a year government job under the new deal; Andrew Roth of the *Amerasia* case, exposed by Senator McCarthy; Mark Gayn, another leader of the *Amerasia* group . . . and others.

This article deals in facts—unpleasant facts, with which Christians need to be familiar. Christ's followers have a large stake in the present trend of events. No earthly power can cope with the anti-Christ forces responsible for the break down of civilization. Satan is working through human beings whom he can control. Prayer alone—united prayer . . . sufficiently spiritual and creative to move the arm of the supernatural, is our only hope at this late date.

An article appears on page 18 of this *Defender*, showing what members of the Salvation Army are suffering in Czechoslovakia, where anti-Christ has gained authority. *God forbid the American Christians shall ever be subjected to such treatment and torture!*

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WASHINGTON REPORT

By Upton Sinclair

DEAR AMERICAN PATRIOT:

The Spanish-American War of 1898 which began with intervention in Cuba and ended in a policing job in the Philippines, cost us one quarter of one billion dollars and 5,000 lives.

To police and govern the Philippines until granted their freedom cost us millions. We soon had to fight the native independence movement under Aguinaldo, who fought for us against the Spaniards. Korea will follow that pattern, only more so.

Our interest in the Philippines led to our costly war with Japan. Invitation to Soviet Russia, made by pro-Russian State Department policy makers, to fill Japan's imperialist shoes in Pacific Asia brought on the Korean police job, which is in reality our Asiatic war with Russia.

One year of all out World War One cost us twenty billion dollars.

The first installment on the police job in little Korea is set at ten billion dollars.

The United States has been sucked into the quicksands of Asia—to which continent we have thus far in our history given the least interest, sentimental and commercial. We are in a mess which could entrap and bleed and impoverish us for ten years, until we have been bled out in both prestige and treasure,

and given it up for dead loss, as Britain and Holland after centuries of adventuring in Asia have given up. Or, until the strain and drain of the foreign adventures have caused revolution at home, as happened in the cases of Portugal, and Spain and is happening in France.

May I use my own experience to help you to understand the precarious position in which we find ourselves?

For twenty-nine years, from 1915 to 1944, when I devoted myself to a battle against the subtle establishment of dictatorship in my own Country, my experience was preeminently with Asia. I resided and traveled in China, Japan, Russia, the Philippines, Southeastern Asian countries and India through approximately eighteen years of that time. I spoke and read Chinese.

I introduced hundreds of prominent Americans and Asiatics to one another. I had part charge of one Congressional junket and conducted eight cultural expeditions. I published ten books and hundreds of articles and spoke before nearly every group which books lectures. In 1938 I became National Broadcasting Company's specialist on the Far East.

Events now bear out the logic of my books. "The Revolt of Asia—the End of the White Man's World Dominance" (1927), "Eminent Asians, the Makers of the New East" (1930), and "Chal-

lenge; Behind the Face of Japan" (1934, Reprint 1944).

When I published those books I was called by the *New York Times* and *Time* magazine (just getting its start) "Prophet of the New East" and "America's Greatest Interpreter of Asia." But writers and editors were soon captured by the new line of the Institute of Pacific Relations (E. C. Carter, Vanderbilt Field, and red comrades) and the fellow-traveling Pearl Buck, Lattimore, Service, Hiss, Jessup and Acheson.

A campaign was conducted by the Communist apparatus to erase from the public mind the interpretation of experienced and patriotic reporters on Asia. One young Communist author, touted by liberal book reviewers, even stole the title and chapter heads and cover design of my best known book, "Revolt of Asia," for a Moscow Party Line distortion of history and conditions. This travesty was published by John Day Company (Pearl Buck's publisher, headed by her husband, Richard Walsh).

The party line on Asia, made by Lattimore, Service, Jessup, Acheson and other young liberals of the State Department into American government policies, have brought this Nation to its present involvement in Asia. This involvement can have no gains. Only a national awakening can limit the losses to freedom of enterprise, freedom of thought and the value of our money.

We are sucked into Asia, as were the British in the 19th century. The difference is that British interventionists were frankly imperialists who made empire pay their class. They carried the tax-paying and cannon-fodder classes along with them on the theme of "glory."

Our interventionists do not make it pay—except some international operators in resources and markets. Our interventionists made the United States taxpayer pay twice: First, the war or destruction cost—which grows more and more wasteful, extravagant and corrupt . . . and second, the policing and reconstruction cost.

The purpose of the Moscow Marxists is perfectly served by the Korean

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intervention and others planned to follow. Lenin directed in 1924: "Cause the United States to spend herself into destruction." The Russians have prepared their native fighters; our government is accumulating the forces and preparing public opinion to "go in and police."

Moscow will dictate whether China or India or Indo-China comes next, or insurrection in Japan. It is safe to say that Iran will be held until American development in the Middle East is more nearly completed and worth seizing. And until Moscow is ready to pull Israel along.

Russia will not appear as officially fighting the United States. We shall appear to Asians, and as much as Russia can make us, to Europeans also, as the invader, the destroyer, and if we move to fight it out with Moscow, as the aggressor.

Moscow's strategy is still to take us from within, by means of the American Communist apparatus aided by our way-preparing Socialists, when the American dollar has again been halved in value by deficit financing, and war burdens have crushed the American taxpayer, socialized industry and frozen wages, throwing workers into rebellion.

The purpose of the Welfare State Marxists is well served. Now must follow as measures of war emergency, control after control which, to now, they have intrigued for unsuccessfully—price controls, permanent rent controls, production and distribution controls, controls over medical men and scientists, and allocation and freezing of labor.

Russia has replaced Japan (as I predicted in "Revolt of Asia") in organizing all of Asia into a hate campaign against the west. America has replaced Britain as the specific object of hate, and each new bombardment or landing we make intensifies that attitude. The "ideology" of the conflict means nothing to the Asian peasant. His hut and

crop and family and village mean everything, and his hate is against the "foreign devil" in armor who fights over his land and destroys them.

After another intervention or two, expect India, and perhaps even our own foster child the Philippines, to pull out of the United Nations coalition "backing" us. India may appear on the other side soon. No allies are going to save the United States of America on this skid road of waste and hate which pious-faced internationalists sold our people as a utopian highway to One World.

Here, then, is what's ahead, as Russia feeds just enough equipment and men to her puppets around Asia to keep us intervening and policing:

Deficit finance leaping and bounding; printing of money and bonds without restriction; public soured by casualty lists, and lack of evident purpose and exhilaration (there's no zest in fighting a shadow enemy); absence this time of wages and profits that will buy unaccustomed indulgences for war workers and business men (save a few with official tie-in who will profit as never before in history: "Everything is for sale at the top" stuff).

And given that situation, here are the alternatives:

1. Growing necessity of our administration for both political and military reasons to stop wasting on the fringes and hit Communist power at the head, Russia.

2. Complete about-face on internationalism and world-policing.

3. Persistence in the Acheson policy of fringe military expeditions and bribing of prospective allies, until economic crisis and revolution force us to call our armies home to police the mobs here.

I can't tell you which one of the three it will be . . . but it will be one of the three, with the possible variation, not likely, that Stalin's crew might jump the gun. There is a chance that Stalin might die, precipitating civil

war in Russia. Or that China might turn against the Russians—a forlorn British hope in which wishful Acheson has indulged.

This brings us to the hysterical means taken by our internationalist group to cover its tracks. Instead of admitting, in the light of events, that its policies were mistaken, and pleading that the charges of Communist infiltration in the State Department were understandable in the circumstances, although overdone, the Tydings Report adopts fully the Marxian dialectic of vicious counterattack and smear.

The Tydings Whitewash was jammed through the Senate on a party line vote—lined up by "war emergency." Southern Senators who privately backed Senator McCarthy, went along. But ordinarily new dealing Republicans (Ives, Flanders, et al) and Mrs. Chase Smith's "dwarfs" went along with Wherry and Jenner in protest. Maybe we are getting in this way, a united opposition, with patriotic nationalist leadership.

Menacing this hopeful trend on the Republican side, is an old pressure group newly organized under the name "Republican Advance." Its financial angel is Arthur J. Goldsmith, of the Anti-Defamation League, who was excoriated by columnist George Sokolsky for financing the obscene attack which defeated Senator Burton K. Wheeler in Montana, and is now threatening Senator Pat McCarran in Nevada.

The intellectual big wheel of the group is Walter Davenport, erstwhile Wilkie ghoster and Luce man. The usual me-too Republican Governors and Senators and 21 Republican House members endorsed this movement designed to take over the Republican Party. So we are seeing the beginning of a new scheme to prostitute the Republican forces, exactly like the same leftist outfits did the Democrat Party, under the guise of a new deal.

With my ear to the ground, my heart to our imperilled Nation, my hand to you, good Defender reader, I remain,

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THE FIRST LESSON in the primer of victory is "T is for truth." More powerful than any other bomb is that which General Eisenhower has recently designated as the T-bomb. The most devastatingly explosive thing in the world is truth. History proves, again and again, that there is no force equal to the pulverizing impact of facts.

There are certain theories which have no support in the nature of things and which, therefore, at last must be discredited. There are other valid conceptions for which the very stars in their courses fight. To live, or die, for them is to be on the side of the angels. This is not to claim that all those who accept the democratic doctrine are angels, and those who deny it are devils.

Let us sadly confess that the denials of democracy by some who march under its banners are many and grievous. But that is not the point. The fundamental fact in the present global struggle is that the slave system which stems from the Kremlin conspiracy is based upon palpable economic and ethical falsehoods, and that the free system, based, for instance, on the truth of that immortal phrase about all men being endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, rests upon eternal truth.

A distinguished group of men, statesmen, clergymen, educators, met to draft in positive terms what western democracy means by the truth. They agreed on this conclusion: "All men should be free to think, to speak, to write and create, to approve and criticize, to assemble and organize, to choose an occupation, to improve their condition, to worship their own God, to follow their own conscience, and to pursue their own goals. Freedom is the ancient, eternal, and implacable foe of the totalitarianism and every form of tyranny over the bodies and minds of men."

Opposed to all that is implied in that ringing credo, is the sinister system

which exalts atheism, puts supreme confidence in the twisted conceptions of Marxian materialism and, proclaiming its gospel with a militant zeal, marches forth to conquer the world. The free nations are obligated to repudiate and to refute this false doctrine and to condemn the cruelties, injustices, and lying propaganda which are inherent in it.

The clever conspirators of the Kremlin have known from the first that no such diabolical scheme involving torture and slavery could succeed unless the victims were isolated from the decent opinion of mankind. "Men love darkness better than light because their deeds are evil," said Jesus whose teachings are ridiculed and caricatured by the instigators of this godless system.

As they fear nothing so much as the truth, the iron curtain was dropped. Behind the iron curtain, with no rebuttal allowed from the free world, the duped and cowed hosts are trained to chant that white is black and black is white. Back of that iron fence, through which and over which is allowed to pass no sound from the free realm beyond, they drill their regimented minions to shout senseless slogans. Here they build their prison of the mind and soul with no spires of the spirit pointing from the earth to the sky.

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At whatever cost to the free world, the grotesque system which vainly promises to build an alleged utopia on unspeakable concentration camps and millions of dead men's bones, must be brought under the glorious light of freedom and revealed as the heinous blasphemy it is. If it takes billions of dollars to turn on the light and to shatter the night, then billions must be spent, for the safeguarding of our future and the future of those now coerced and threatened by these fanatical brigands.

Into the areas they now control a way must be found, somehow, to project radiant words of hope as God's truth goes marching on.

There is no doubt that when the battering rams of truth open up avenues along which liberating ideas can march into walled areas, shackled multitudes will cry out, "We choose freedom."

The one thing falsification, distortion, suppression, and deception cannot stand is the truth. We must convince the Russian people and their fellow slaves in satellite countries that there can be no freedom under the tyranny of Moscow.

We must reach them and win them through the truth which makes men free. And the truth which brings emancipation will write on the walls of the most obscene thrallodom the world has ever known the ancient prophecy of doom: "Your covenant with death shall be annulled. Your agreement with hell shall not stand. Your refuge of lies shall be swept away. When the overflowing scourge shall pass through ye shall be trodden down by it. The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

WE HAVE grown accustomed to hearing this beautiful and comforting Psalm read at funeral services, and indeed, it is appropriate for such occasions. However, it has a message for everyday life and belongs to the children of God . . . whether they are on the mountain top of blessedness or in the valley of despair.

Historically, it was sung by Hezekiah during the time when the city of the king was besieged by the powerful Assyrian leader, Sennacherib. The king was full of faith because he realized that God was his "refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Being conscious of supernatural protection, he sang triumphantly, "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early." (Verse 5)

This is confirmed by the account given in Second Kings, "Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city . . . For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand . . . So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh."

It is a blessed experience to realize the nearness of God. Who can doubt His presence with the members of His creation? Does not the Bible teach His omnipresence?

Jesus reminds us that not a sparrow falls to the ground without the knowledge of the heavenly Father. He has clothed the grass and tinted the flowers, and supplies what is needed for their sustenance. God is near His people at

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all times. He is near because He has promised to never leave nor forsake them, no matter the circumstance. The Word of God is full of such promises. Herein is the security and comfort of the people of God.

While we recognize His presence in a general sense, yet multitudes have testified that He has been especially near in the time of trouble. As I have gone about visiting the sick and those smitten with grief, I have often heard them say, that God never seemed nearer than when the clouds hung low.

It is the universal testimony of the children of God that He in times of crisis, upholds them with the right hand of His righteousness. God is always near, but circumstances arise which cause them to be more conscious of His nearness than could have otherwise been the case. Every revelation of God in the Bible presents Him as a personality, and Moses spoke of Him having arms to bear up those in trouble. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

I feel sure He never seemed nearer to Daniel, than when He was in the den of hungry lions. And when Daniel's

companions were cast into the flames of the furnace, they realized the nearness of the Lord for He was in their midst.

There can be no doubt that Joseph sensed the nearness of God to a greater degree in prison, than when he later sat upon the throne of the Egyptian empire. When did He seem nearest to Peter? I think the answer is in the incident when the apostle sank into the storm-tossed waves and the Lord reached out to save him. Never did the hand of the Saviour seem more tender and near than in that moment of distress.

When does God seem nearest to us? Is it in times of pleasure and plenty or pain and poverty? When the sun is shining and everything serene, the presence of God is not so fully realized as when the shadows begin to fall and things grow darker by the moment. In our distress, we make an appeal and find that He is there to help and to deliver.

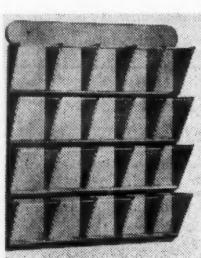
The text which we are considering suggests the possibility of

TROUBLE

"A very present help in trouble." It seems difficult for some to understand why trouble should arise in the Christian's experience. Often new converts have told me of expecting their troubles to end upon becoming Christians, but to the contrary, they seemed to increase. To accept Christ does not mean there will be no rugged road to travel, and no clouds in the sky. Christianity offers no guarantee that our troubles are over, but it does assure us of the presence of One who is over our troubles . . . and this makes a wonderful difference.

I do not recall the name of any individual, recorded in our precious Bible, who did not have his troubles and trials. I am equally certain that no believer, living in these "perilous times," will find himself free of difficulties for "evil men and seducers shall wax

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worse, deceiving, and being deceived." These become the willing tools of the devil, for the purpose of persecuting the saints and making life troublesome for them. It is apparent that the big black word of this Psalm is "trouble."

What are the things that trouble us from day to day? Many are troubled by sins over which they have never gained the victory.

Sin is of such a nature that whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap, and this principle applies to Christians the same as to sinners. One sin often leads to another so that we are continually beset with the resultant difficulties. We are troubled by our weaknesses which cause us to realize how far we fall beneath the standard that God expects of us.

No less are we troubled by our fears. In this respect it seems as though the Psalm itself is fulfilled—the earth is removed, the mountains are carried into the seas and the waters roar about us. The things we depend upon fail and our hearts are made fearful. Since we live in the midst of death, we will be troubled by our griefs and this may be expected to continue until "death is swallowed up in victory."

Troubles abound because sin abounds. Satan is at large and death reigns. We would like to strike the word "trouble" out of the vocabulary of our experience, but until the Lord comes, troubles will continue. Yet there is hope for "he maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire." (Verse 9) Troubles will end in the triumph of His coming kingdom.

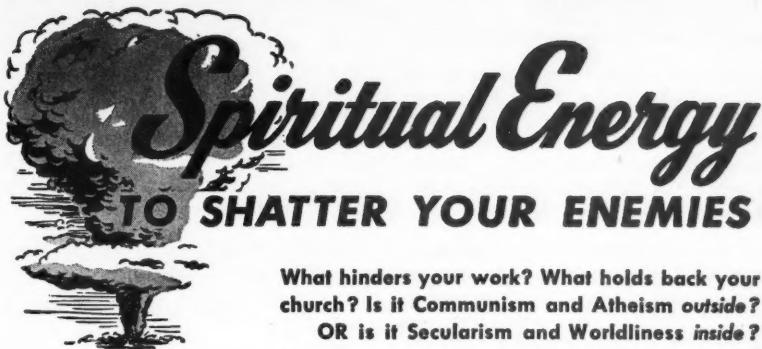
The blessed Psalm before us indicates that there is One to

TRUST

God is introduced to us at the outset. He is shown to be "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." These things are revealed concerning Him to the end that we might lean upon His arm. It is difficult to trust One who is a stranger, and whose characteristics are unknown.

The Bible has been given to us for the purpose of revealing the nature of God . . . and Jesus came into the world that we might understand God in the glory of His person. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the



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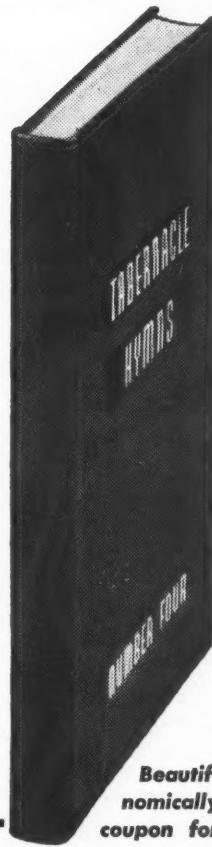
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bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." (John 1:18) Rotherham renders the word "declared" as "interpreted," and this is exactly what Jesus did in His earthly ministry. *He interpreted the Father to men in terms which they could comprehend.*

Today my heart rejoices because I know God as a "refuge." In this we are reminded of cities of refuge spoken of in Scripture. The manslayer was pursued by the avenger of blood, and was not safe until within the walls of an appointed city.

How often we have realized the awful pursuit of our sins and longed to be delivered from them! A man once said to me that the knowledge of a certain sin which he had committed, kept him in a veritable hell for nineteen years. He did not know there was a refuge for sinful men until I was able to show him the way of deliverance—which he joyfully accepted.

We also learn that God is our "strength." Knowing from bitter experience we have no strength in ourselves, this comes as a beam of light in the darkness. Some may rely upon the strength of a good name, or upon the strength which comes from right living, or upon the strength of riches, but in the crisis hour, we all sense the need of more than these things. We need the heavenly provision described in this Psalm.

Before He left this world, the Lord Jesus said to His disciples, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." The world may depend upon the power of human energy, or the power of influence, but there is no power that can take the place of "power from on high."

In the third place, we are told that God is our "help." We would do well to note that special emphasis is laid upon this quality of God's nature. He is not merely a help, or even a present help, but "a very present help," which means He is ever ready and always available.

He is near when we need Him.

There are those who want to help and who can help, but God is "a very present help." This is strong and comforting language. I am sure all the help any of us need, as we journey along the way, is available now. The enemy to all of this blessedness, is our own unbelief. We simply do not take God at His word.

The Bible is full of illustrations of those who found the heavenly Father to be "a very present help." He always arrives on time. It appeared as though He might be late when the three Hebrew boys were cast into a furnace heated to the greatest extent possible in Daniel's day. Nevertheless, He came at the right moment, just at the time when they needed Him most.

Finally, I wish us to see how this song rings with a note of

TRIUMPH

We have considered the existence of our troubles and then the need of trust. Now we come to the place of triumph for those who are willing to "let go and let God."

Troubles become blessings when we learn to trust Him. Who can read the eleven verses of this song, without realizing that it calls for all the stops to be pulled wide open in the great organ of God's providences? The victory needs to be sounded forth, not in subdued tones, but with notes of power and glory so that all the world can know there is victory in Christ.

The second verse contains the words, "Therefore will not we fear." How could any one fear in the light of what is revealed in the opening statement of the Psalm? We read how Jacob fled from home and was overtaken by darkness, but it was only after the sun went down that he had the vision of a ladder reaching up to heaven.

Oliver Goldsmith wrote: "The shortest road to any place is the road with the best company on it."

We do not notice the distance when someone is with us whom we love. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, discovered this and walked with God so far that he never came back. He went

home with God and stayed. Nothing so annihilates distance, so mitigates hardships, and lessens grief like good companionship. The walk to Emmaus produced burning hearts in the disciples. The "very present help" was fully realized.

Yes, the best road, is the road with His company. It is the road of complete satisfaction and of a peace which passeth all understanding. Henry Drummond declared that the Christian life is going home to the Father. To me, the Christian life is going home with the Father.

Years ago I read an interesting story which has been a source of comfort to me. It is said that a blacksmith, about eight years after he had given himself to the Saviour, was approached by an unbelieving man with the question, "Why is it you have so much trouble? I have been watching you, and since you joined the church and have gone straight, your troubles seem to be twice as many as before."

With a thoughtful but glowing face, the blacksmith replied: "Do you see this piece of steel? It is for the springs of a wagon, but before it can be used, it needs to be tempered. In order to do this, I heat it red-hot, and then cool it with water. If I find it will take a temper, I heat it again; then I hammer it and shape it, so it will be suitable for the use intended. Often I find the steel too brittle, and it cannot be used. If this is the case, I throw it on the scrap pile. That pile of scrap is worth less than a cent a pound, but the wagon spring has real value."

The blacksmith continued: "God saved me for something more than a good time. We Christians do have a good time, in the true sense, for the smile of heaven upon us brings real joy. But He wants us for service, just as I want this piece of steel. God puts the temper of Christ in us by testings and trials. It has been my constant cry to Him, 'test me in any way you choose, Lord, only do not throw me on the scrap heap'."

As we read on in the Psalm, we come to the words, "Be still, and know that I am God." (Verse 10) There is a place of quietness to reach in God, where troubles vanish because we rise completely above them. Objects and obstacles look big when we are on their level. But they become small as we ascend to a higher altitude and look down upon them.

When the great truths found in this Psalm become a part of us, embodied within us, they will lift us above the distressing things and daily cares which are otherwise so vexing.

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THE KOCH WONDER DRUG

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"And may God forgive me if I retract a word of this as a result of pressure from any source."

I HAVE just returned from Detroit, Michigan where I observed the results of the treatment of dairy cows, by a drug so revolutionary that it may some day turn the entire theory of human and animal medicine topsy-turvy. The whole thing is unbelievable.

The drug has been denounced by the American Medical Association. It has been labeled a fraud, called nothing but distilled water, a fake cancer cure, valueless; its creator, Dr. William Frederick Koch, has been brought to trial twice by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Claude S. Bryan, dean of the Michigan State College veterinary association stated last March that the "material has not given one indication of being of any value in fighting the disease."

Yet I am firmly convinced that the drug is the greatest advance in medicine since the discovery of the "circulation of the blood" by Harvey. I personally have seen herd after herd of dairy cattle which were treated and cured by the drug. I spoke to farmer after farmer who will, if called on, swear that their herds are now free of mastitis and Bangs disease as a result of this treatment.

Some of these farmers turned to the treatment in desperation because penicillin had failed and they were threatened with losing their entire herds. And I personally know of people who have been cured of heart disease and a number of otherwise "incurable" diseases as a result of the Koch treatment. There are innumerable case records where the Koch treatment has cured polio, tuberculosis, cancer and other diseases.

It seems impossible that organizations of doctors, veterinarians and drug men who are considered the healers of mankind should in this day and age try to block so wonderful a

cure. Yet I am convinced in my own mind (without proof) that this is the case. I am sure of one thing. Glyoxylic acid will cure mastitis and Bangs disease in cattle. I therefore make this statement: Dr. Claude S. Bryan, dean of the veterinary association, is either a liar or he has not adequately and fairly tested the Koch treatment. I make this charge openly and challenge him to sue me for libel if it is false.

I cannot as a layman verify the claims of this drug insofar as cancer, heart trouble, polio and other diseases are concerned, but I do know a great deal about cattle. I know that the claims made for it, insofar as mastitis and Bangs disease are correct. And I therefore strongly suspect that its application to human beings is just as beneficial and the claims made for it just as correct.

If this is true, then the entire foundation of modern medicine is upside down. Modern medicine treats the effect and this medicine treats the cause. Modern medicine claims specific cure.

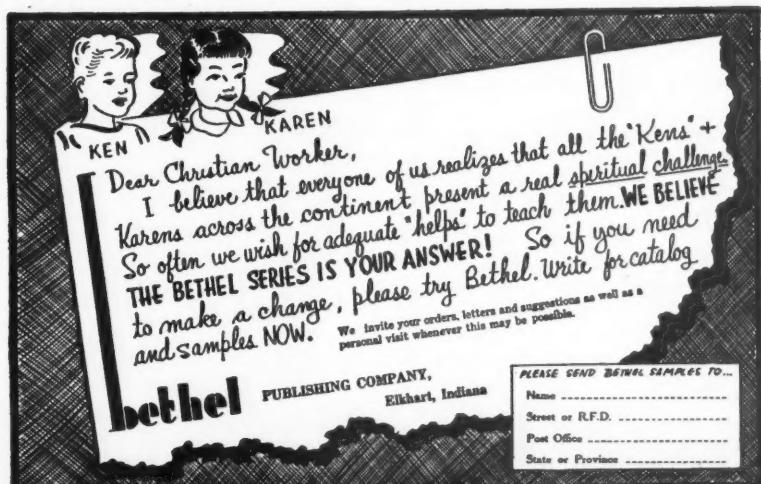
for each ailment; the Koch method treats the body as a unit and makes the "body" cure the disease; modern medicine is based on the bacteria theory of disease; Koch, while admitting that bacteria produce the toxins that lead to disease, is not interested in killing the bacteria but in stimulating or "catalyzing" the proper organs so that the "body" will neutralize the disease forming toxins.

Perhaps the reader does not yet gather the significance of these differences. In simple language, the Koch treatment says to each and every medical college—you have been working at medicine from the wrong end. You have been doing everything the hard way and the wrong way.

I admit that you can mend bones, that you can dope a headache, that you can cure appendicitis by cutting out the offending organ, or tumor by the same method and that you can finally cure (sometimes) mastitis by injecting penicillin in the cows teat. But why work at it backwards. Find out why human and animal bodies are subject to disease and then invent some chemical of high oxidizing characteristic to eliminate the cause.

Well, imagine telling the medical profession, which considers itself a perfect product of a perfect science, that its methods are unscientific.

Can you see why, in the words of William H. Dow, president of the mighty Dow Chemical Company, Dr. Koch has been "crucified?" And can you see why the drug industry, which stands to lose a fortune if the Koch treatment is adopted, would fight Dr. Koch? And can you see why medical specialists, who have fattened or enormous fees



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from the gullible public, would be against it? If Koch is right, they lose their specialist status and their big fat fees, and you, the public, can save yourself a fortune in money and better health!

Are you beginning to get the point?

Now remember that I am not telling you that this drug, glyoxylide, is a cure-all for all diseases. Even the Christian Medical Research League, which is now fathoming the treatment, claims only 40 to 60 per cent cures for cancer. And it seldom works after the X-ray treatment has been used. It does not always work on other diseases, and further research in producing other antibiotics similar to glyoxylide, is now in progress. But even, if as the president of Dow Chemical Company has said, it cures but 10 per cent of all cancer cases, isn't it worth further study and extensive and fair testing by medical authorities?

Why is your doctor afraid to use this drug? Why, if this drug is nothing but distilled water, does the Food and Drug Administration oppose it? Why, if the drug is nothing but distilled water, has Dr. Koch been persecuted until literally driven into doing his experimenting in Canada and Brazil? And why did the British Columbia (Canada) department of agriculture in its official report state that "after careful study of the literature, the Minister (of agriculture) decided that an entirely new approach to the study of disease and its treatment had been disclosed" . . . In concluding, we have thought it well to place on record here, authentic clinical data concerning an infectious, contagious disease for which today, except for the Koch treatment, there is no known cure (mastitis) after symptoms develop. There is no other available method to immunize cattle against this infection."

Could distilled water have fooled the experts in the department of agriculture of British Columbia, Canada? Of course not. Somebody is playing tricks with your health and your life, Mr. and Mrs. America—somebody who has a deep interest in your pocketbook, perhaps.

To Dr. Koch, who will receive a copy of this article, we say, God Bless you in your work. May God forgive us for the years that we have tortured you by neglect. May He forgive us for the years of frustration that you have endured. May He forgive us for all the slurs in all the newspapers that you have had to read. May He forgive us for every bitter hour that you have en-

dured in your efforts to help a world that scorned your efforts. God help us for what we have done to you, to Galileo, to Copernicus, Harvey, Semmelweis, yes, even to Jesus, and to every

man who saw ahead of his fellow man.

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PROGRAM OF THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH LEAGUE ANNOUNCED

THE KOCH TREATMENT cuts deep into the profits of the drug industry. The same is true with regard to the use of X-ray and radium . . . not to mention fees for surgery and hospital attention.

When this fact is understood, there remains no mystery regarding Dr. Koch's opposition. But fortunately, individual doctors engaged in community practice are honest men, putting forth sincere efforts to relieve pain.

A censorship of many years standing, imposed under the direction of Morris Fishbein, has kept Dr. Koch's discoveries from being accepted by the medical profession. But at last the light is breaking. Doctors in ever-increasing numbers are being added to the list of those administering the treatment.

Marked progress has been realized since the annual convention of the Christian Medical Research League a year ago. Elaborate preparations are now being made for the 1950 assemblage to be held at Detroit, September

21, 22, 23 and 24 . . . Thursday through Sunday.

While the discussions are expected to be of primary interest to physicians and ministers, laymen will be permitted to attend. Morning, afternoon and night sessions have been announced for the Assembly Room of the Tuller Hotel . . . with a final, Sunday afternoon mass meeting in the spacious Temple Baptist Church, located at 6125 Fourteenth Street, in the city of Detroit.

The program will be under the direction of Dr. Sam Swain, president of the League . . . whose keynote address is scheduled to mark the official opening of the convention. Among the important papers prepared for presentation, is one by Dr. Koch which will be read during the afternoon of the first day. It is expected to deal with the philosophy of the therapeutic system that bears his name.

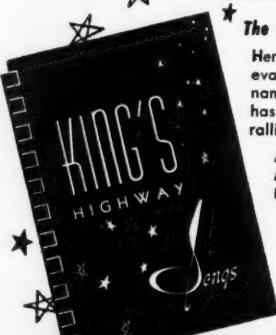
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The service is expected to be religious in character, with a number of persons present, who have been cured of so-called incurable diseases by use of Koch glyoxylide. The case histories

of each such patient will be publicly explained, showing the condition both before and after the treatment was administered. The list is scheduled to include:

Judy McWhorter, former cancer victim (see October 1949 and August 1950 issues of The Defender).

Shirley Hinshaw, former chronic polio victim.

Ted Singletary, cured of leukemia (see November 1949 Defender).

John Roy Duggan, former victim of Berger's Disease and others who were formerly victims of poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, coronary thrombosis, etc.

Advance registration for the convention will begin at 7:30 P. M. on September 20th, with continued registration, at 9:00 A. M. the following morning. Each session will be opened with prayer and devotions lead by pastors of various Detroit Churches.

Leaders of the Christian Medical Research League, together with doctors in all parts of the world who administer the Koch treatment, regard it as a blessing from God to suffering mankind. Dr. Koch shares the same attitude. In consequence of this fact, the following Scripture text, above others, is regarded as expressing the sentiments of the delegates who will assemble:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17.

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Too often, secular newsmen emphasize stories of crime, men's exploits and the world of business and commerce. They seldom publish any really *good* news. To them, religion is a secondary matter, but to God's newsmen, the Gospel is of primary importance.

Every person is publishing something —either of themselves and their activities, or of the world and the things of time. Yet what humanity needs is the "good news of the Gospel of Christ" to change lives, create a desire for Bible knowledge, destroy evil forces and promote righteous standards of living.

At Christ's birth, the angel of the Lord said: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto

you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Thus spoke God's newsmen, the angel of the Lord, when he brought "tidings of great joy . . . to all people."

WHO ARE GOD'S NEWSMEN?

Not only are pastors, evangelists, Sunday School teachers and church officers called to the witnesses of the truth of the Gospel . . . but every soul who has experienced the grace of God is expected to publish the news. He has been called, ordained and chosen.

Matthew said: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be *preached* in all the world." Mark said: "The gospel must first be *published* among all nations." Christians are preachers and publishers.

The zeal of God's newsmen must be backed up by righteous, personal conduct. They must be sincere, honest, separate from the worldliness of this age, and dedicated to the service of God. They have an important task to perform and their devotion to the cause must be above question.

A minister, residing in a university city, was visited by his aged father. One day the son said:

"What shall I preach? If I preach about science, there sits the professor of science. If I preach about education there sits the professor of education. If I preach about other subjects, there sit the different professors of the university."

The father replied: "Preach the Gospel, for they don't know very much about it."

Secular newsmen sometimes become unpopular and are threatened with harm for their exposures of crime, violence and injustice. God's newsmen should be willing to risk their popularity when called on to expose sin, probe the conscience, raise standards and preach Christ.

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ANALYSIS OF

M R. PRESIDENT, today the President of the United States issued a statement to the effect that the statement I made to the Senate, fixing the responsibility on the shoulders of Mr. Dean Acheson for the blood of the boys in Korea, was so "contemptible" as not to be worthy of any comment. However, he did make comment.

Mr. President, Secretary of State Acheson has blundered the United States into war in Korea. What is worse, he may have blundered us into war in other parts of the world.

Dean Acheson's pal, Alger Hiss and his clique, played a major role in drafting the infamous Yalta agreement, which President Truman ratified at Potsdam.

Acheson carried out this appease-Russia policy up to a few weeks ago when the President himself repudiated Mr. Acheson's let-the-dust-settle attitude, but it was too late to avert war. *And Acheson still lingers on in the State Department.*

It was Acheson's consistent appeasement and coddling of Russia that paved the way for the Moscow-directed Communists to overrun China, and for the Moscow-directed North Koreans to spring upon the Republic of South Korea.

Acheson's bungling in western Europe may prove to be equally disastrous, for he knocked peace in the head, by his years of effort to impose the revengeful Morgenthau plan upon western Germany.

In line with the Communists' wishes, he has stubbornly fought inclusion of anti-Communist Spain in the defense network of western Europe. And he has stood out against arming western Germany, thereby leaving a corridor from Russia to the English Channel.

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America's military security has become secondary to Acheson's political maneuvers.

We have spent more than \$50,000,000,000 in cash and goods in peacetime lendlease, economic recovery, and for military preparedness in western Europe since the war, and today the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee told the Senate that western Europe is woefully unprepared for possible aggression and we should give consideration to increasing our American troops in western Europe. Acheson is against arming Japan and obviously Communist aggression is a threat to that country.

Contemptible?

In 1945, Acheson sought to establish a four-power commission to control occupied Japan. General MacArthur was to receive his orders from that commission in which Russia would have an equal voice with the United States.

In Korea, we are now reaping the whirlwind of Acheson's blunders and the President seems to be so confused and perplexed by the flood of events, that he is blind to the devious paths down which Acheson has advised him.

One day the President says there is no need for UMT and within 48 hours he asks Congress, through the Secretary of Defense for passage of the Universal Military Training bill.

The American people are alert to the blunders of the Truman administration. They have seen Acheson's policies lead us down the road to another war. In any other country, Acheson long ago would have received a vote of *no confidence*. The President's failure to remove Acheson, after repudiating his stupid foreign policies, is "contemptible."

Let the President appoint as Secretary of State some one in whom the

American people have confidence; some one who is in sympathy with the present policy in South Korea. Under that kind of leadership we shall go forward to victory in Korea, and under that kind of leadership we shall have a foreign policy in keeping with American traditions and American principles. Under that kind of leadership lies hope for durable peace.

*—A speech before the U. S. Senate
... By Senator Wherry.*



M R. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, I desire to join the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Cox) in paying tribute to the Committee on Un-American Activities.

I know what it means to take the persecution of the enemies within our gates, because I was on the Committee on Un-American Activities for four years. I ran parliamentary interference for Martin Dies here on the floor all the time he was head of the Committee.

In my opinion, if Martin Dies had had the support he should have received, our boys would not be dying in Korea today, because Hiss, the man who sold us out at Yalta, would have been exposed long before that calamity occurred.

Mr. HOFFMAN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. RANKIN. I yield for a question.

Mr. HOFFMAN of Michigan. The gentleman talked about running interference for Martin Dies. I know you did, and I know what your reward was, you and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. Hebert); you were thrown off the Committee. That was your reward for fighting Communists.

Mr. RANKIN. I am not complaining about that. I really have all the work I can do now. But I want it known that I am still here to back this Committee; and I think it is about time the

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administration woke up and cleaned house and fumigated every agency of the Government from the staff of the White House to the Bureau of the Census.

It is not worth anything to go to Hawaii and pick up a few Communists, or drive them underground, if you are going to leave them in key positions on the White House staff, or in the Department of State, the Department of Justice, or any other department, or even circulating around the Supreme Court of the United States.

My Country comes first.

Our first duty is to this Republic, its flag, and its people. I say that it is time now for the administration to wake up, clean out these subversives, and put only "Americans on guard," as George Washington said; let us get rid of these communistic aliens, their sympathizers, and fellow travelers, who are trying to undermine and destroy this Government.

Mr. Speaker, Caesar had his Brutus, Washington had his Benedict Arnold, and America today has these enemies within her gates who are working to destroy everything our boys are told they are fighting for on foreign battle-fields today.

I call on the President to join in this house cleaning and quit talking about "red herrings." Let us talk about these Reds and fellow travelers, if you please, who are on the Federal payroll in key positions.

As I said, let us clean house and fumigate every department of the Government and let the American people know that we are not going to have our Country undermined and destroyed by these enemies within our gates.

—From the Congressional Record.

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And, this time, there is less excuse for it than, perhaps, at any time in our history, since, on this occasion, we, ourselves, have been talking about the Soviet peril for 5 years, and it has been a major topic of discussion by every one of our top leaders—including Mr. Johnson.

Yet, this much-discussed Soviet peril materializes suddenly in the form of a shooting war, and we find ourselves no better prepared than we were in World War I, and not as well as in World War II.

This is not a situation to be tolerated by the American people.

Congress, apparently, is willing to let this governmental failure slide. A general whitewash of Mr. Truman, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Acheson seems to be in the making.

There appeared an abortive attempt a few weeks ago to lay the Korean failure at General MacArthur's doorstep—something like the Pearl Harbor situation, in which Admiral Kimmel and General Short were left holding the bag for shortcomings of the administration and high command.

But, General MacArthur forestalled this one quickly. He got the truth out at once—that he, as commander of Japan, had nothing to do with Korea, which was the State Department's responsibility.

Columnist Ray Tucker reported recently that "documented evidence pre-

sented to the House Armed Services Committee by Rear Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, convinces both Democratic and Republican members of that body that President Truman, Secretary Acheson and Secretary Johnson were given full warning of the North Korean attack on June 25, but failed to heed it."

And, as plain indication of his unfitness for the task of head of our unified Armed Forces, Mr. Johnson was instrumental in the elimination of our Navy and Naval Air Force as immediate defense arms.

The President undoubtedly shares Mr. Johnson's guilt in this respect . . .

Americans do not want to pay with the lives of their boys for the mistakes of such incompetent executives as Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Truman has indicated he would not displace him. Mr. Truman should face a demand by Congress and the people that he fire Mr. Johnson.

The Country's welfare, the lives of our fighting men, deserve the protection of the best leadership we can get.

Mr. Johnson's record does not show that kind of leadership.

—Altoona (Pa.) Tribune.



BERNARD BARUCH appeared before Congress Wednesday to urge all-out mobilization, including rationing and freezing of wages, prices, and rents. For years Mr. Baruch has been talking this way.

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This experience with the functioning of the Government so impressed him that he has ever since constituted himself the adviser to Presidents, Cabinet members, Members of Congress, and candidates for public office.

In 1946 he told a congressional committee that wartime price control ought not to be allowed to lapse. This was at a time when the price-fixing regime had resulted in discouraging production and disorganizing distribution.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Baruch's proposal for the continuation of OPA had Mr. Truman's enthusiastic support, OPA was allowed to lapse.

Thereafter goods came back to the market and production of consumer goods assumed truly remarkable proportions. Within a short time all shortages which had existed under OPA disappeared, except one—housing. Continued rent control was responsible for that.

That Mr. Baruch is not the great genius some people seem to suppose him to be is indicated also by the part he played in the early phases of the Roosevelt administration. Baruch's outstanding contribution to the first Roosevelt administration was NRA. He contributed his \$25,000-a-year employee, Hugh Johnson, to the brain trust to work out and direct the NRA, which was sometimes referred to as a Baruch masterpiece.

The National Recovery Act, it will be remembered, was the act signed by President Roosevelt June 16, 1933, providing for industrial codes of fair competition which, it was asserted, would restore the Country to prosperity by increasing employment and raising wages. The act was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court on May 27, 1935, in the Schechter, or sick-chicken case.

Baruch's NRA did not have the expected effect. Prof. Garfield Cox, of the University of Chicago, reported to an annual meeting of the American Economic Association that the 4-month drop which followed the introduction of the NRA has never been equaled except in the panic collapses of 1893 and

1907. On the other hand, the advance which followed the Schechter decision against NRA is the broadest and best sustained to date.

—Chicago Tribune.

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ALBERT ORSBORN, international head of the Salvation Army, recently issued the following statement describing the plight of his organization in Czechoslovakia:

Statements have been broadcast and published reporting that on June 17 last, under a decree issued by the central executive of the national committee (the recently established organ of local government in Czechoslovakia), the Salvation Army in that country has been disbanded.

Having no direct communication with our officers in Czechoslovakia, I am naturally without detailed news, though we are aware that at least two of our faithful officers are imprisoned, that the

rest have been forbidden to continue their work, and our properties have been confiscated.

Speaking with full responsibility as the international leader of the Salvation Army, I deny that any Salvation Army officer in Czechoslovakia has been engaged in any action which the government of that country could accurately describe as subversive. As all informed quarters have known for many years, the Army is nonpolitical, and any officer so misguided as to participate in political activities would come under the immediate discipline of the Army's own regulations without waiting for action by any secular authority.

I am aware that no word or deed of mine can prevent my comrade-Salvationists in Czechoslovakia from suffering the unwarranted restrictions imposed by this latest decree. I must, however, point out that by this order their government has brought to an untimely end the beneficent activities of a small but influential group of their own countrymen who, for the past 31 years, have labored solely to benefit their own land and people.

The Salvationist is the servant of all, and he is willing to work and witness for Christ in any land, whatever the political color of the government. His preaching is a simple and uncontroversial testimony to the saving grace of God which he himself has personally experienced, and his service is expressed by an eager hand outstretched to any in need.

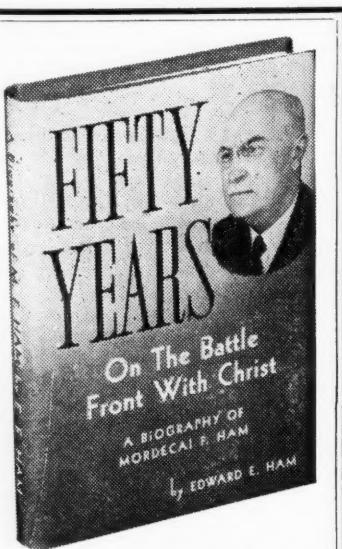
How can such activities be deemed subversive—unless the very Gospel itself be regarded as such.

In the name of Christ I record my protest, and call on Salvationists everywhere to protest against an order which forbids our officers and soldiers to preach the Gospel.

Though our public work in Czechoslovakia must cease for the time being, the Salvation Army will not accept as final the authority of any secular government to forbid spiritual work. Therefore we shall continue to think of our comrades in Czechoslovakia as Salvationists in spirit and purpose, and still regard them as a living part of the international body of the Salvation Army.

Communicate with them we cannot, but pray for them we can—and shall. That is a power no secular authority can suppress, and I call upon all Salvationists everywhere to pray that their comrades may be upheld during this time of testing, and that the will of God may overrule the passions and prejudices of men.

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commercial artist, was an agnostic. His mother insisted, however, that the children be baptized as Episcopalians. In an atmosphere of genteel culture, Whittaker grew up to be a quiet, intense youth, with a ready facility for the manipulation of abstract ideas.

Becoming impatient at last with his mother's insistence that he go to college, Whittaker ran away from home, drifting across the Country as a day laborer. He finally became chastened with his wanderings and returned home, ready for Columbia University.

There he found himself thrust into one of many groups of campus intellectuals who were bright, cynical and seething with ambition to remake the world according to the Soviet pattern. Friends and teachers chipped away at Chambers through the medium of modern art and literature. His mind became fermented with new ideas and the shallow iconoclasm of the liberals. Joining the staff of the college literary magazine, his skill as a writer quickly won him the position of editor.

Impatient with college life after a time, Chambers again "ran away"—this time to Europe with a school chum. The chaos, careening inflation and psychosis of defeat in Germany, during the early '20s staggered him.

Across Europe, people seemed in the grip of a demoralized listlessness. At night, Communist students surged through the streets shouting the tender Marxist anthem, "Grease the guillotine with the fat of tyrants . . . Blood, blood, blood must flow." Europe was a wasteland.

The young man returned home with a driving social consciousness, searching desperately for a solution to the problems of the world.

"One evil hour, walking along Fourth Avenue and browsing in the book shops, I came across a booklet in a fire sale," Chambers recalls. "It was called 'A Soviet at Work,' and it was written by Lenin." Lenin's theory of a functioning soviet fastened itself upon his mind and moved him to action.

"No one recruited me," Chambers testified in Washington many years later. "At the crossroads, the evil thing, Communism, lies in wait with a simple answer." He sought out a neighborhood branch of the Communist Party, and in a dirty slum loft, got his first view of those who work to create chaos in America.

Instead of a tough-minded and disciplined cell of Communists, he found a noisy squabbling group, the dregs of discontent, more concerned with factional arguments than the revolution.

Refusing to be disillusioned, Chambers plunged into Party activities, eventually landing on the staff of the *Daily Worker*. Because of disgust over factional intrigue, he gave up the job and began devoting his time to freelance writing.

When Moscow hailed one of his stories in 1931, the literary commissars of the Communist Party in America quickly gave him the post of editor of *New Masses* (a position previously held by Rex Stout, leader of the so-called "Friends of Democracy").

He was at his desk in the *New Masses* office when Max Bedacht, a high Communist functionary, called and directed him to go underground within 24 hours. To this day Chambers does not know why he was chosen for the roll of a "faceless man."

As an apprentice spy, his first work was that of courier, and by dint of brains and zeal, he quickly rose in the Communist apparatus. By 1934 he had become a fully experienced and ardent disciple of Leninism, and the Comintern was ready to use him in the installation of its Trojan Horse in the United States.

Chambers was called to Washington

for a conference with J. Peters and Harold Ware. It was at this meeting, that he first heard the names of several dynamic young radicals whom Ware had forged into a cell. Among them was Alger Hiss.

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ALGER HISS was the fourth child born into a middle class Baltimore family. His father was a well-to-do merchant, and the Hiss family had no economic problems. But there were tragic and unsettling influences in the home which left their mark in his character and outlook.

When Alger was two and a half years old, his father slashed his own throat with a razor. Some years later, one of his sisters committed suicide by drinking Lysol. Aside from this family history of morbidity, Alger lived a normal boy's life.

At Johns Hopkins University his quiet good looks and charming manner made him a campus favorite. He became a member of a socially superior fraternity, served on the staff of the campus paper and engaged in school politics. In 1926 his class voted him the "most popular, best all round hand shaker."

From Johns Hopkins he moved on to Harvard Law School. Hard working and keen minded, he stood out among

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During his one year term with Holmes, he married a headstrong young divorcee, Priscilla Hobson. Both were attracted by Socialism, and began attending lectures at the Rand School. In 1932 Mrs. Hiss joined the Socialist Party. It was at this time, also, that Hiss resumed his friendship with Lee Pressman, who had become "the big brain of the radical wing of the New Deal . . . brilliant, magnetic, domineering."

As a member of the legal staff of Henry Wallace's Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Pressman filled the division with clever and energetic friends, all destined to rise quickly in the New Deal hierarchy . . . Nathan Witt, Charles Kramer, John Abt and Alger Hiss—names now prominently associated with the Communist movement of the United States.

While this was happening in the A.A.A., other departments were being infiltrated in the same way, with the full knowledge and blessing of the White House. Meanwhile, the public was fed misleading propaganda.

Washington was in those days a boom town for young men like Rexford Tugwell, who had their "sleeves rolled up to make America over." Frankfurter planted scores of lawyers, former students of his Harvard Law School, in strategic positions. These radical appointees were dubbed "hot dog boys."

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HISS AND CHAMBERS became good friends. Both were intellectually agile and enjoyed the stimulation of the other in conversation. Both were amateur ornithologists. Chambers saw in Hiss another bold Bolshevik, although of a different character than himself.

While Chambers could be easily moved by emotion, Hiss was cold, shrewd and calculating. When the wives of the two men were introduced, a warm relationship developed, the Hisses being proud of their close association with an important Party functionary.

It was some time before the conspirators dared suggest the actual filching of government documents. Chambers doubtfully presented the scheme to Hiss, and found him agreeable. As a test, Hiss procured secret papers used by the Nye committee and transmitted them to Chambers for photographing with a Leica in the Hiss apartment. The negatives were forwarded to Moscow.

The Kremlin was delighted. Soon Chambers was draining off top secret material and diverting the flow to a New York contact for Moscow. Nor was the Chambers ring the only agency of theft in the United States. Other apparatuses were operating in the Capital. The government was honeycombed with operatives.

For over a year, Chambers traveled back and forth between Washington, Baltimore and New York, carrying some of America's most precious military and diplomatic secrets. Fifty-two times he made his trips, and might have continued until today, but for one thing: *He still had a conscience.*

Chambers had driven from his mind such crimes as the "liquidation" of the Kulaks, and the man-made famine that took millions of Russian peasant lives. But the Moscow purge trials of 1937 forced him to face his conscience. He

saw that Communism was another form of totalitarianism, the triumph of which would mean "slavery and spiritual night to the human soul and mind."

He knew that to simply announce, "I'm quitting," would be suicide. His comrades would kill him.

Chapter seven of "Seeds of Treason," which the authors have entitled "Break and Run," tells how he quietly made preparations to "disappear" from Communist circles. By April 1938, he was ready for the terrifying break. He gave to a nephew for safe keeping, the last batch of stolen documents. *If his family were to be kidnapped by the Communists, the evidence would be valuable for bargaining.* Some of it was in the handwriting of Alger Hiss.

Then he took his wife and children to Daytona Beach, Florida in an old automobile. There they hid for a month. By day Chambers slept while his wife kept guard. At night, he remained on watch.

For months after returning to their Maryland home, he continued to live like a hunted man, "sleeping by day and watching through the night with gun or revolver within easy reach."

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IN 1939, Chambers looked up an old friend, an editor of *Time*, and was hired as a writer, thus resuming the career dropped seven years earlier.

There was at that time a Communist cell among the employees of this magazine, which probably explains its frequent distortions of the news . . . and why it has so often smeared exponents of fundamental Americanism. Chambers' Communist colleagues on *Time* had nothing but contempt for him.

When the Stalin-Hitler pact of August 24, 1939 was announced, Chambers realized with horror that henceforth the German Gestapo would have access to information gathered by Communist spies in the United States. He

tried to think of ways for warning the Country, and at length decided to make his knowledge known to the one man with full power of action, the President of the United States.

No man better knew how the White House had for years encouraged Communism both at home and abroad, but the new alliance between Berlin and Moscow seemed to be producing a change. At any rate, Chambers convinced himself that an effort should be made.

The bizarre record of what followed is outlined in the chapter, "The Slow Unfolding." No one would listen! Government officials who should have instantly reached for the information, either showed no interest or seemed offended.

When the Assistant Secretary of State at last agreed to carry the story directly to Roosevelt, he was told to "go jump in the lake, only in coarser language" (page 83).

Years later, the Assistant Secretary testified that he also checked with Dean Acheson regarding Alger Hiss. Acheson said "he had known the family since childhood and he could vouch for them absolutely." Felix Frankfurter gave Hiss exactly the same endorsement. Acheson and Frankfurter are the closest of friends.

We read: "The record of his futile efforts, even during the period of the Hitler-Stalin pact, when friendship for the Soviet Union was at fairly low ebb, is an indication of the powerful forces which blocked a full investigation of the Chambers charges."

Senator Warren Austin, later chief American representative at the United Nations was told the facts, but refused to carry the explosive information to the American people.

William C. Bullit, former Ambassador to Russia and a one-time Soviet partisan, heard about Chambers' story and went straight to the White House. "FDR laughed and told him not to worry" (page 86).

In 1944, a reporter came across a confidential FBI report, linking Hiss, Silvermaster (a notorious Communist in the government, strangely immune to interference) and 20 others. The report was submitted to the State De-

partment in 1943 and ignored. The Acheson-Hiss group was then in control of the Department.

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CHAMBER'S rise with *Time* and *Life* was as spectacular as that of Hiss in diplomatic service, despite opposition on the part of the Communist cell which continued to flourish inside the magazine's organization. He gradually rose and, as senior editor, was receiving a salary of \$30,000 a year at the time he decided to tell everything to the Committee on Un-American Activities.

By 1939, Alger Hiss was well on the way to a brilliant career. Somebody pulled the strings and he was made head of the Far Eastern Division of the State Department. Thereupon, decisions began to flow out of Washington, giving Russia a free hand in the Orient.

(Those decisions are directly responsible for the fighting and bloodshed now taking place in Korea. And yet, when members of Congress were trying to oust Hiss and bring him to justice, the President of the United States did everything in his power to block the investigation.)

In 1942, when Hiss won another promotion, Russia was a war ally, and non-critical acceptance of the Soviet Union was practically official. This was the year when the New Deal started arresting Christian patriots for opposing Communism, by charging them with "sedition."

(The Editor of *The Defender* was among those arrested and taken to Washington for trial. Had Communists of the Hiss type succeeded in sending him to prison, a fatal precedent would have been established, terrorizing all opponents of the red menace into silence.)

When the office of Special Political Affairs was created in 1944, a sensitive area, Hiss became assistant director, and later, director. He was finally appointed Presidential adviser, and in that capacity attended the fateful Yalta conference. According to his own statement, he "helped formulate the Yalta agreement."

At a meeting so star-studded with dignitaries as the Yalta Conference, protocol was very important. Roosevelt's phone number was "1." Although the conference included General Marshall, Secretary of State Stettinius, Admiral King and others, Alger Hiss's phone number was "4." His status was impressive.

Before many chapters of "Seeds of Treason" are covered, the average reader will be amazed that espionage in the United States could have been conducted on such a scale. It is like the man of the house saying to a burglar: "Come in and help yourself."

The authors have performed a herculean task in assembling, sifting and collating such a vast amount of material . . . and reducing it to a readable, running story.

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"**S**EEDS OF TREASON" contains approximately 100,000 words . . . whereas this review contains only 3,000, which suggests that only the surface has been scratched. Whole chapters have had to be bypassed for want of space to open their contents.

If a sufficient number of people become conversant with the facts made accessible in these pages, domestic Communism will be wiped out. The present American crisis demanded such a piece of literature. Now that the book has been written, Christians and patriots have the responsibility of circulating it.

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FOUR AND A HALF CENTURIES after its settlement by Spanish-speaking people, Puerto Rico continues to be the most challenging mission field in the Western Hemisphere. Rugged terrain, isolated mountain villages, dense population, poverty, and struggle for existence, are features of its daily life.

There are strange paradoxes on every hand. In the same glance one may see almost fantastic natural beauty . . . side by side with scenes of suffering and ugliness.

Puerto Rico's population is rising at the rate of 69,000 a year. Improvements have not been able to keep pace with this rapid increase. Unemployment is high, cultivable land scarce, poverty universal, and everywhere, hungry hearts.

The Defenders Movement was providentially led, into this scene of misery and spiritual want, twenty years ago. It became immediately clear that the Pauline plan of establishing local churches under trained native leadership, was the ideal method for missions in Puerto Rico.

Experience has demonstrated the value of training native workers for the task of missionary evangelism. They do not have to spend years learning a language, and acquainting themselves with the customs and ways of the people.

Over 150 Defender Churches, large and small, now dot the Island, under the supervision of consecrated Spanish-speaking Christians. But in this densely populated land of 500 persons to the square mile, our native workers are able to reach only a small percentage of the two-and-a-quarter-million souls who make up the population.

The Defenders Theological Seminary was established to help meet the need for trained workers. The institution is housed in a beautiful and commodious building which cost more than \$60,000 to erect. The structure stands today a monument to the glory of Christ, and a testimony to the influence of the Gospel among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the world.

Requirements for enrollment in the Seminary are rigid. The candidate must give evidence of sound conversion and a genuine desire to enter full-time service. There is always a large waiting list. The registration of students is therefore selective. Literally the "cream" of young Puerto Rican Christians is drawn off for training.

The Seminary offers these young men a three-year course, based upon a curriculum which includes the following subjects . . . New Testament, Old Testament, Church History, Homiletics, Systematic Theology, Ecumenics, English, Spanish, Music, Missions, Evangelism, Church Government,

Health Care, Practical Helps and others.

Because of the poverty which exists in Puerto Rico, our students are not able to pay for their schooling. Their education must be underwritten by Christians residing in the United States. Friends who thus contribute to the support of students, for nine consecutive months, are known as "Sponsors."

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By practicing economy, the Seminary is able to operate at a cost of \$17.50 per student, each month. This provides for such basic needs as food, dormitory accommodations, books and a few incidentals.

By the time this *Defender* is delivered, the Seminary will be on the point of opening its doors for the new school-year. We wish to be able to accept as many of the applicants as possible. *The number of students accepted, will be determined by the number of sponsors who respond to this appeal.*

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"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; God loveth a cheerful giver." —II Corinthians 9:6,7.

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RODRIGUEZ WITNESSES MIRACLES

GERALDINE WINROD KORELL IS WRITING THE LIFE STORY OF DR. J. F. RODRIGUEZ . . . SUPERINTENDENT OF DEFENDER MISSIONARY WORK IN THE WEST INDIES. THE TITLE OF HER BOOK WILL BE, "RODRIGUEZ OF PUERTO RICO."

ITS CONTENTS ARE BEING SHARED WITH DEFENDER READERS IN ADVANCE OF PUBLICATION. THE FOURTH INSTALLMENT -COMPRISING AN ABRIDGMENT OF THE FOURTH CHAPTER IS BEING PUBLISHED THIS MONTH.

A PRAYER MINISTRY

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3

THIS VERSE has been an incentive and guiding star for Dr. Rodriguez through many years of hardship and toil. As a companion thought he often quotes Tennyson's words: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." He speaks of prayer as a key for unlocking the storehouse of the Infinite.

Dr. Rodriguez believes in the ministry of healing and regards intercession for the sick as a natural part of pastoral life. He has witnessed miraculous results from the "prayer of faith" and therefore attaches a literal meaning to James 5:15. Friends in Guayama recall how the community was startled by answered prayer during the crusade of evangelism previously mentioned.

A section of Guayama called "Borinquen," is noted for its vice and violations of the law. A social explanation would be the fact of poverty and over-crowded living conditions. But the real cause is a word spelled with three letters, *sin*.

Dr. Rodriguez adopted the habit of holding an open air meeting in this place one night each week while living in Guayama. In these meetings he

taught the people Gospel songs, and preached sermons designed to probe the conscience by emphasizing the certainty of a future judgment for sins committed in the body. Christ was exalted as the Healer of broken hearts and the Redeemer of wasted lives.

On a certain Saturday night, after Dr. Rodriguez had given an invitation to accept Christ and attend Sunday School the next morning, a lady approached him saying: "Two women, a mother and daughter, are dying in that house." His informant pointed to a shack across the narrow street.

Entering the premises, he saw one woman lying on a cot and another in a hammock. "How do you feel, mother?" was his greeting to the elder of the two.

She was very weak. It was necessary to guess by the movement of her lips what she was saying. Really her words were, "I feel very, very sick." The daughter's condition was even worse.

Dr. Rodriguez remembers that he was conscious of a divine presence. Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the "Comforter," an English word which comes to us from the Greek, "Paraclete" and means "one who stands at your side to help." The unseen Helper was in the sick room when the good man knelt in prayer.

Rising to his feet he sang the Spanish translation of our familiar hymn, "The Great Physician." Thereupon he left a few coins and made his departure.

To the surprise of many, there was a new face at worship services the next morning. This was the first time, in her life, that the mother ever attended Sunday School. The daughter was also instantly healed. Dr. Rodriguez took the last eleven verses of Luke 5:17 as his text for the morning devotional service.

Christians in Guayama believe that their city is favored above others as a place where the prayers of Dr. Rodriguez are answered. This idea has become something of a legend. He constantly receives prayer requests from ailing persons residing there. God is being glorified by this ministry.

The latest case regarded by the whole community as a miracle was the recovery of Mrs. Delia Mulet de Gonzalez. Physicians in the Arroyo hospital told the family there was no hope of recovery. The patient was in a coma. Her son Jose Antonio came to Rio Piedras and asked Dr. Rodriguez to go with him and pray for his mother, if indeed, she was still alive.

Three hours later, he was greeted only by sad faces in the hospital room. Opening his Testament to James 5:14-15, he read the passage and complied with the ordinance which it emphasizes. Mrs. Gonzalez's daughter Ada knelt with him beside the bed during the prayer.

After speaking a few words of encouragement to the heart-broken relatives, Dr. Rodriguez began his trip back to Rio Piedras where manifold duties were awaiting him. Mrs. Gonzalez rallied and showed marked signs of improvement within an hour. She is in good health today.

Dr. Rodriguez is a humble man. At no point is this grace more noticeable

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PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

"Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him."

Psalm 91:14-15.

DR. RODRIGUEZ regards the miraculous element in human experience as being God's normal mode of operation. Prayer is a habit with him. It is his heart's desire to be at all times within speaking distance of the Heavenly Father.

He knows what is required to sustain this relationship. One of his favorite Scripture texts is, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see (experience) God." Prayer is to him primarily an attitude of heart and mind. Words spoken on bended knee are useful only when indited by the power that results from a whole-hearted consecration to the will of God.

There are numerous instances in the Bible of God's servants being saved from danger by receiving advance warnings on spiritual levels. They have discerned situations for which there were no logical explanations. Dr. Rodriguez has had several such experiences.

Puerto Rico had its worst storm and hurricane when he was two years old. The part of the Island where his parents lived was left in a state of devastation. During the hours that the wind and rain released furious blasts, he was held tightly in his mother's arms. Both were caught in a situation where they almost perished. Natives who knew of the incident said their survival was a miracle.

Dr. Rodriguez invariably senses danger in advance. Warning messages have come to him on several occasions. This was true in 1917 before crossing the water to reach the Island of Culebra. While preparing for the missionary mission he came under a depression that drove him to prayer.

A storm developed during the trip which threatened the life of every passenger. The small boat was tossed like a toy. Parts of it were destroyed. Everyone on board was drenched to the skin. For a time the vessel seemed about to fill with water. Finally it limped to land. The captain said he believed a miracle had kept it from sinking.

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It often happens that Dr. Rodriguez travels lonely, and sometimes dangerous mountain trails, by horseback. On those occasions, the horse must be dependable to assure the rider's safety. The horses of Puerto Rico are small and for most part gentle and sure-footed.

An exception to the rule occurred in a dark night on Vieques Island when Dr. Rodriguez was returning from a heavy day of missionary itinerating. The animal which he was riding became frightened by something on the trail and seemed to suddenly become *loco*, or as we would say, crazy. It broke into a mad run and was, from all indications, completely blind. The bridle broke and dangled at its feet. The minutes that followed found the faithful missionary utterly at the mercy of a wild horse. He was able to hold his balance only by clinging desperately to the animal's mane.

Fortunately, Dr. Rodriguez had been guided to prayer a few hours earlier by a premonition of impending danger. Not until the witness of the Spirit came did he feel free to proceed with the trip back to the village. With this advance preparation, he knew that God would be "a very present help in trouble." The horse ran headlong into a building but the rider was unharmed.

Since the preparation of this manuscript began, Dr. Rodriguez has had another narrow escape from death, vindicating once more a providential care over his life and ministry. The promise of Psalm 91:11 was fulfilled by the experience.

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Missionary duties of the Defenders organization called him to the Dominican Republic a few weeks ago (July 1950). The trip, going and coming, was made by air. On the way back, the airplane's motors went out of order. They were of course flying over water.

The stewardess helped the passengers put on life preservers. She showed them how to open the emergency windows when the signal would be given. Last minute instructions were issued on how to leave the plane and leap into the water. All were exhorted to be calm and alert for instant action. The two men responsible for piloting the plane also put on life preservers and fastened open the door of the cabin. Every passenger was ready to jump.

This tension continued for twenty-five minutes. Dr. Rodriguez prayed with a loud voice. He asked God to save everyone on board without the loss of a single life. He told the frightened group that the experience of Acts 27:21-25 was being repeated in their midst. He explained that they could be of good cheer because God had graciously intervened and all would be saved.

Like Paul, in the foregoing passage, Dr. Rodriguez had been warned of trouble ahead two days earlier while praying in the Dominican Republic. Back home in Puerto Rico, his youngest daughter became upset by a vision she received which caused her to tell others that he was in great danger.

When land was finally sighted in the distance, the pilot managed to lower the plane and effect a safe landing on the western tip of the Island near the town of Aguadilla.

Passengers congregated around Dr. Rodriguez and with tear-stained faces confessed that they believed their lives had been saved for his sake. The pilot, co-pilot and stewardess said they regarded deliverance, from what promised to be a major air disaster, as an answer to prayer.

"And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27:22-25.

(This concludes an abridgment of the fourth chapter of a book, being written by Mrs. Korell, on the life of Dr. J. F. Rodriguez.)

BOOK REVIEWS

FIFTY YEARS ON THE BATTLE FRONT

By Edward E. Ham . . . Published by Old Kentucky Home Revivalist, 312 pages, cloth binding, price \$3.00.

WE HAVE before us a gripping and dramatic biography of one of God's great servants, Evangelist Mordecai F. Ham . . . eighth preacher in an unbroken line of Baptist ministers, going back to Roger Williams, the pioneer Baptist minister in the new world.

Like the noted Evangelist himself, this biography written by his nephew, is irresistibly appealing. The following paragraph from the first chapter shows how Dr. Ham was marked for the ministry, by spiritual experience, even during boyhood:

"From the time I was eight years old, I never thought of myself as anything but a Christian. At nine I had definite convictions that the Lord wanted me to preach, and the compositions I wrote for my school exercises sounded more like sermons than prose."

A friend tells of seeing young Mordecai preaching to the neighborhood cats and dogs as a lad of seven. On one occasion he claims to have seen the boy trying to immerse a tom cat in a rain trough. When the subject vented its feline ferocity in objecting to "baptism," Mordecai threw him to the ground with the disgusted exclamation, "Go on, get sprinkled and go to hell."

The first chapter is devoted to the childhood and rich home life of the developing young preacher. It contains many incidents illustrating the background of the man who was to witness over a million public confessions of Christ in his meetings.

"Fifty Years on the Battle Front for Christ" is crammed with detailed accounts of memorable evangelistic campaigns, sprinkled with humor and thrilling incidents. The Author devotes considerable space to reforms effected in cities visited by the Evangelist. He

explains how waves of opposition have often broken over the head of the prophet.

Mordecai F. Ham has always made use of methods calculated to jar souls from indifference, causing them to think about things eternal. Enemies have sometimes accused him of "sensationalism," but a ministry that has resulted in multitudes being forcibly awakened to sin, followed by conversion, must be judged according to results.

One of his most rousing services, was preached over the scrap pile of several dozen wrecked whiskey stills, which converts had smashed and heaped on the lawn of a county court house.

Newspaper reports, inserted by Dr. Ham's biographer, testify to the constant success of his meetings, and their beneficial effect upon many communities.

Atheists and the liquor interests plagued his footsteps during his early ministry . . . and the Jewish Anti-Defamation League has since begun where they left off. Malicious and false statements are circulated by this organization, abusing and misrepresenting the Evangelist in a most shameful way.

Confusion over the Jewish question, Dr. Ham believes, arises from the claim that they are a chosen people by virtue of natural descent from Abraham—which descent is, in most cases, purely imaginary. He says it is not natural birth, but spiritual rebirth, that gives sonship and elects to the company of God. Because of these views, the Anti-Defamation League has made Dr. Ham the object of vitriolic attacks, in trying to undermine and destroy his ministry.

The book relates many instances of providential care and special blessing in times of danger or adversity. The following is reproduced by the biographer from the February 1930 issue of a magazine called *The Taproot*:

"Reading like an exciting tale from a book of hair-breadth escapes, comes the news of the remarkable deliverance of a Ham Meeting congregation from a collapsing tabernacle without a single casualty. (The miracle occurred in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.) That this

is no ordinary narrow-escape story is born out by all the facts entering into the case, but one in which the Lord blessedly intervened in behalf of His people and vindicated the message Dr. Ham was giving at the very moment.



DR. HAM

tabernacles are built to withstand ordinary weights of snow.

"Dr. Watson, of the First Baptist Church, had thoughtfully phoned Dr. Ham earlier in the day to say that in case the tabernacle was not comfortably warm for the evening meeting, he would have the church heated in readiness for a transfer of the service. Dr. Ham agreed to this, but upon arriving at the tabernacle, found it to be comfortable, and no thought of transferring the service was entertained until later.

"Dr. Ham began his sermon by announcing his texts found in Jeremiah 6; Matthew 24; and Revelation 3, using as his subject, 'Peace Under Satan.' He had just told the people how that many were lulled into a state of false peace under Satan, but that God's people were never allowed to remain at ease when danger threatened them. He cited as examples . . . Lot, who was not allowed to remain at peace in Sodom, but was warned of danger and was scarcely out of the city when it was destroyed. Just at this point, a timber creaked, and someone in the audience interrupted to remark, 'Do you reckon there is any danger of the roof falling in?'

"Dr. Ham replied, 'I guess not—it is just having shrinking pains instead of growing pains, just shrinking up to fit the size of the crowd on this bleak night.'

"Dr. Bjerragaard then suggested that they step over to the Baptist church and finish the service there, and Rev. Hilton seconded the suggestion. Dr. Ham said, 'All right, I will finish the sermon at the Baptist Church,' and without delay or alarm, the audience went out and hurried toward the church where seats were a premium.

"The last person had just gotten clear of the doors when the center section crashed in with a roar, cutting down seats like a great knife. It takes little imagination to visualize the terror that would have resulted had the audience tarried a few minutes longer.

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"The section above the pulpit was the first to fall in, and the pulpit, beside which Dr. Ham had been standing, was snapped from its supports and sent hurtling many feet into the central section, while the entire speaker's platform was buried beneath heavy timber and ice and snow."

"A fire alarm brought the departments and the police with hundreds of frightened citizens expecting to find scores of killed and maimed friends and neighbors in the ruins, but they had all been delivered, and miraculously so by the hand of God."

"The Associated Press carried lengthy reports of the remarkable incident and conceded it to have been a miracle and more remarkable still because it so clearly vindicated the message of the Evangelist being delivered at the moment of the interruption."

"Fifty Years on the Battle Front with Christ" is a valuable contribution to the history of evangelism in America. The Author has utilized his sources of information to an advantage. He has written a thrilling story in language that will make every Christian reader a more zealous soul winner.

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sages, making them rich spiritual provider for those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

A return to the expository preaching of a generation ago would go far in creating renewed respect for the Scriptures. Too often, even textual preaching pays only passing respect to important passages. Topical sermons are even less satisfying to the hungry beast. Congregations of today need the spiritual instruction, inspiration and edification of sound Bible expositions, the same as those of yesterday.

Ministers who wish to master the expository method will do well to trace the homiletic pattern of Dr. Meyer's messages. They are characterized by simple style, clear expression and creative thought.

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Readers who enjoy devotional literature will read these sermons with deep satisfaction. They breathe a reverent spirit, speaking quietly and thoughtfully to mind and heart.

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Lesson Number 1

September 17, 1950

JAMES, A PILLAR IN THE CHURCH

Acts 15:13-30; Galatians 2:9-12

MEMORY TEXT: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free . . . for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "PILLARS."

The New Testament mentions at least four men named James in the early Church. Today's lesson refers to the son of Joseph and Mary, sometimes called "the Lord's brother."

It is generally believed that he did not come to a knowledge of saving faith until the Lord's special appearance to him after the resurrection. Two passages of Scripture support this view. (John 7:5 and I Corinthians 15:7.)

After his conversion, James grew rapidly into a tower of spiritual strength among the saints at Jerusalem. He was a firm disciplinarian and commanded the respect of all. Paul refers to him as one of the "pillars" of the Church.

Our lesson deals with a serious disagreement within the apostolic group. The fundamental doctrine of Grace and Works was involved.

On missionary journeys, Paul and Barnabas preached justification by faith, and faith alone. Then, in the great Christian center at Antioch, whose membership had been drawn mainly from Gentiles, appeared a troublesome and fanatical type of agitators—the Judaizers. Their zeal for legalism, instead of soul winning and spiritual life, produced confusion. The demand that certain external observances be regarded as essential to salvation, reminds us of the yoke placed by some modern groups upon their followers.

They taught that to be a Christian, one must submit to the Judaistic custom of circumcision, following thereafter the Jewish law. Had the Church permitted this heresy to gain hold, its members would have soon been weighted

down with innumerable stipulations and prohibitions of the Talmud—which Jesus had condemned. (See Matthew 15:1-3; Matthew 23:4; Mark 7:7.)

It was revolting to true believers, for a group of Antioch Jews to affirm racial superiority in the Church. This display of egoism was the antithesis of the Christian spirit.

After conversion, a Gentile is a Christian . . . and it is un-Scriptural to refer to him as a "Gentile Christian." Nor is it Scriptural to call converts from Judaism, "Hebrew Christians." One might, with the same logic, speak of "Mohammedan Christians."

Paul recognized the heresy of the Judaizers as an attempt to implant anti-Christ Judaism in Christianity, and withheld them throughout his public ministry. Concerning circumcision he wrote: "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Philippians 3:3. (See Galatians 5:6; Ephesians 2:11; Colossians 2:11.)

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS ACTS 15:13.

"And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me."

It is somewhat surprising to find James presiding over this important assemblage. Members of the original apostolic band were there . . . including Peter, who had been given a special commission to "feed the lambs."

Leadership in Jerusalem, it appears, had gradually shifted to James, while Peter devoted himself to supervisory work among the Churches. Again, there are indications that Peter

had grown unpopular with some, over his insistence that Gentiles be welcomed into fellowship on the basis of faith alone. Not until Paul's teaching on the in-Christed life became known and accepted, did the Church permanently throw off the shackles of Judaism.

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT SALVATION BY FAITH IS SUPPORTED BY WORKS OF LOVE.

It was almost the end of the century before Judaism had been stamped out of the Christian Church. Deeply rooted social and religious customs cannot be altered overnight. It so happens that "religion" sometimes separates men from God. By great tact and wisdom, James was able to keep things balanced at the Jerusalem headquarters, during the period when Christ's followers were learning to discriminate between the harsh demands of Judaism and the spiritual qualities of the Church.

The democratic process by which the Church settled the issue of today's lesson is impressive. Spiritual men, depending upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit, weighed their differences in open assembly. Both sides were heard before James rose to render the decision.

When men attempt to settle differences themselves, tempers often flare and cruel words are passed. When all, however, are willing to pray out of sincere hearts, and abide by the direction of the Holy Spirit, crucial matters can be settled harmoniously and in a spirit of brotherly love.

Before being stoned to death by a group of fanatical Jews in A. D. 62, James wrote an epistle which placed Grace and Works in precision relationship. He explains that we are saved by faith to work.

Atheists say there is no God. Idolators say there are many gods. Christians know there is one God. But to stop there, would be a mistake. James says, *Go to work.* "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe."

Faith and works are like the two oars of a boat, which when pulled in harmony, assure movement on the surface of the water. One oar, constantly used on the same side, sends the boat moving in circles.

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PAUL, FAITHFUL TO THE
VISION
Acts 26:8-28

MEMORY TEXT: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." I Cor. 11:1.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "WITNESS."

Saul, the converted persecutor, was unquestionably the most brilliant intellect of his day. He came from Tarsus, a well known seat of learning. There were three leading universities in his day—located at Tarsus, Alexandria and Athens. In his writings, he quotes three Greek poets, indicating familiarity with the secular writings of his time.

Next to Calvary and the Resurrection, his conversion must be regarded as the greatest single achievement in the history of the Christian religion.

He went to Jerusalem to attend a school where rabbis were trained. The institution was presided over by a brilliant scholar named Gamaliel. In later years, Paul boasted of having sat at the feet of this noted teacher.

After finishing his training, he left Jerusalem . . . but returned following the death of the Saviour. There is no record that he ever saw Jesus, except in vision, on the road to Damascus. The Church was only about three years old, when acting on orders from the leaders

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His conversion reflects the great power which Christ possesses to transform human lives. Our salvation reaches the "up and out," as well as the "down and out."

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS ACTS 26:18.

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

This verse, outlining the five points of Paul's commission, has been called "the gamut of the Gospel." It may be considered a standard for all who preach the Gospel:

(1) To open man's eyes; the process by which the witness brings conviction of the need of salvation. (2) Turning men from darkness to light, that moral reform which accompanies repentance and makes justification possible. (3) Deliverance from bondage to Satan, the transformation whereby evil habits and old ways are made to disappear. (4) Forgiveness of sins, witnessed to the soul by the Holy Spirit. (5) Adoption into the family of God, by which the believer is granted "inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith."

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT WE MUST OBEY THE HEAVENLY VISION.

In today's lesson, Paul retells the story of his meeting with Christ. Although acting as his own attorney in the court of Agrippa, his thought was not so much that of winning acquittal . . . as it was the hope of winning bearers to Christ.

He reviewed his experience on the Damascus road and described the "light

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from heaven above the brightness of the sun," which was accompanied with the words: "I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness . . ."

The meaning of "minister" is an *under-rower*, one who tugs at the oars under the guidance of another to bring the vessel to shore. The Greek word is *martus*.

The same word is used in Acts 22:20 when reference is made to another witness, the faithful *martyr*, Stephen. A true witness will bear testimony even at the hazard and expense of his life. At that very moment, Paul, with the shadow of martyrdom already upon him, was witnessing with such power that King Agrippa cried out, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian!"

The apostle's loyalty to the heavenly vision should inspire us, during these trying days, to press forward regardless of opposition. We all have Agripas before whom to faithfully represent the Lord who loved us, and bought us, at such great cost.

Lesson Number 3
October 1, 1950
BIBLE CHRISTIANITY
Matthew 5:13-20; Phil. 1:21-30;
I Thess. 5:15-23; James 1:22-27

MEMORY TEXT: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "RIGHTEOUSNESS."

From Genesis to Revelation, by precept and example, parable and story, the Scriptures constantly emphasize the importance of character. "Be ye holy, for I am holy," of the Old Testament, finds echo in the Gospels and Epistles. There is no substitute for honest living.

The world places value upon wealth, position, pleasure, learning and fame, yet these may be had without character. Christianity produces a radical change in human nature, transforming the individual by contact with Christ, producing an outreach that brings blessing to those around him. Character is vertical and horizontal. It results from vertical relationship with God. It comes into expression horizontally with men.

Salt, the strong and pungent antagonist of spoilage, gave Christ His metaphor, with which to illustrate Christian influence. Jesus took a realistic view of human nature, which assumed the world to be in a state of corruption, and society in danger of dissolution, if something were not done to check the forces of putrefaction.

An antagonist of corruption in the natural realm is salt . . . and the resister of moral rotteness in society is the individual Christian, whose personal character has been purified by the regenerating and sanctifying presence of the Redeemer.

"The salt of Jesus Christ must ever engage itself in conflict with rotteness. The disciples of Jesus are to be vital enough and healthy enough and pungent enough to encounter the corruption and destroy it. They are to confront rotteness in politics; they are to meet it if in the realm of business; they are to be its enemies in the crowded streets of common intercourse; they are to defeat it in the quiet and sequestered ways of art and literature; everywhere they are to provide the antidote to corruption, and they are to overcome and destroy it."—Dr. J. H. Jewett.

The well-meaning mystics and ascetics of the Middle Ages missed the vital content of Christianity, when they withdrew from their fellow human beings, thinking to thereby foster personal spirituality and devotion. The vital force of our holy Faith conquers

evil wherever it is met, and there is no better way to grow in grace than to radiate Christ through righteous conduct.

"Let your light so shine." On rainy days, Chicago bootblacks in the Loop, step into office buildings and put signs in the glass doors which read, "Shine inside." Christ in the heart produces a spiritual glow in the thoughts, words and deeds of the believer.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS MATHEW 5:20.

"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

In this polemic, the Master was condemning Judaism as a religion of externals. Christianity, on the other hand, is a religion of the heart. It gives man a new nature. Judaism only polished the outside.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess." Matthew 23:25.

Side by side with the Law of Moses, the Pharisees had an equally mandatory oral law, the *Mishna*, or part of the Talmud—a code which originated in Babylon. It imposed exact and minute precepts upon the people, so burdensome that worship became drudgery. Christ repudiated the whole system. He condemned its leaders as intolerant, avaricious, sensual and dissolute. This caused them to demand His assassination.

The Pharisees affected great piety, but Jesus indicted them because they lacked character, integrity and a knowledge of the love of God. It would probably have been impossible to exceed the Pharisees in the practice of formal religion . . . but the practice of religion is not "righteousness."

Unless religious profession is translated into character, it has no intrinsic value. Jesus called attention to the Ten Commandments as requiring perfect love toward God and unselfish love for all mankind.

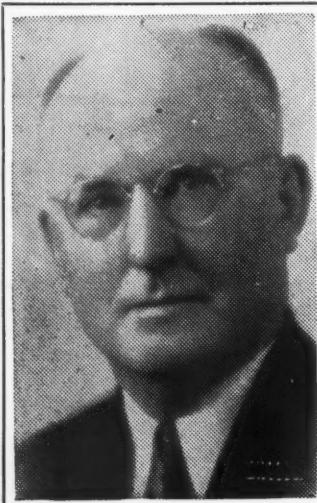
(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT WE ARE EXPECTED TO BE LIVING EPISTLES FOR MEN TO READ.

The daily life of the Christian should be an open book in which people can read the story of personal salvation. Today's lesson lists certain virtues that come as a natural result of fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Conversely, it records various restrictions to which the true Christian will readily agree.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." "Abstain from all appearance of evil." "In everything give thanks." "Pray without ceasing."

James 1:22 is also quoted: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." This suggests that mental ascent to high ideals is not enough. James wanted to see *results*. We are expected to be more than theoretical Christians.

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Lesson Number 4**October 8, 1950****UNION WITH CHRIST****Matthew 16:24-25;****Mark 1:16-20; Phil. 1:19-30**

MEMORY TEXT: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:8.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "LIFE."

Jesus dealt constantly with abstract themes, but clothed them in parables, comparisons and striking expressions that commanded attention. He employed figures of speech in a way to startle His listeners. The truths conveyed were often so profound that the hearers would come back asking for more information.

This is noted in His discourse on the Bread of Life, recorded in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world . . . He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him."

A surface interpretation would imply that our Lord wished His followers to become cannibals. But in reality, He was proclaiming the great fact of divine substitution. The blood of His flesh, shed on the Cross, made Him the sin-bearer and vicarious Substitute for all who would accept. His life and nature assimilated through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit would provide eternal nourishment.

Another enigmatic expression is contained in the words, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it," a pronouncement which gains its emphasis from an apparent contradiction. Yet those who have "lost" their lives for His sake, are the first to testify that the day in which "self" was crucified and Christ enthroned, marked the time when they truly began to "live."

From the context of the Lord's words, it is obvious that He was speaking of the same "death" that Paul later mentioned. (Romans 6:4-7.) After the initial crucifixion, there is a daily "dying," in which every opportunity for the glorification of self is denied in favor of magnifying Christ. The daily "death" is the great barrier before which multitudes hesitate . . .

being unwilling to deny themselves and face crucifixion at the hands of an unfriendly world.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS MARK 1:18.

"And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him."

These disciples were like Paul, who reckoned "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

This was their call to full time service, for they were already disciples. But up until this time, they had not made the commitment which detached them from their fishing nets, being perhaps lacking in faith. The decision meant that they were going *all out* for Christ, reserving nothing.

Blessed are those, who, in the face of a special call to the ministry or mission field, have sufficient faith and courage to forsake their nets and follow the Lord! A life thus invested will command dividends for eternity.

Thirty years after Paul's conversion, Christ still filled the horizon of his life. Writing from a prison cell in Rome to the Christians of Philippi, he testified, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

The motivation of a man's career is determined by his conception of life. For some, "life" is fame, pleasure, wealth or other material considerations. The quality of one's life is indicated by the character of his idol. Paul joyfully declared that for him, "life" was synonymous with Christ.

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT LIFE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN INVESTMENT FOR CHRIST.

What men need is not only the truth about Christ, but Christ himself; not merely a knowledge of the laws of regeneration, but regeneration experienced; not a mental concept of the mission and ministry of the Holy Spirit, but His perfect work made manifest; not a mere belief in the doctrine of substitution and vicarious atonement, but a realization of the substitution within; not simply Christ on the cross, but the crucifixion of self to the will of the Spirit; not only the acknowledgment of the historic fact of the resurrection, but participation in the resurrected life; not alone a vision of heaven and hope of immortality, but the kingdom of heaven in the heart, eternal life experienced here and now.

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